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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON FROM AMBASSADOR LEARSON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS
SUBJECT: LOS: DEEP SEABEDS LEGISLATION

1. AT LUNCH TODAY, HEAD OF FRENCH DELEGATION LACHARRIERE SUGGESTED PRIVATELY TO ME IDEA OF INTERIM AGREEMENT ON DEEP SEABED MINING AMONG PRINCIPAL MARITIME STATES, WHICH OTHERS COULD ADHERE TO LATER IF THEY WISH. HE SAID FRENCH PACIFIC TERRITORIES HAD RAISED ISSUE. FRENCH COMMITTEE I REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN-SANE MADE SAME POINT WITH OXMAN PRIVATELY LAST NIGHT, BUT ADDED GOF "WOULD NOT PROPOSE IT" AND SAID GOF WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IF USG LEGISLATED FIRST AND THEN ATTEMPTED TO IMPOSE TERMS OF ITS LEGISLATION IN AGREEMENT WITH OTHER MAJOR POWERS. SHE HINTED THAT GOF MAY ATTEMPT TO FORM COMMON EC FRONT IN THIS REGARD. I WOULD NOTE THAT BRITISH, WHO HAVE ALREADY REQUESTED COORDINATION FROM YOU ON INTERIM MINING LEGISLATION, WILL ASSUME EC PRESIDENCY JANUARY 1.

2. YOU MAY WISH TO PASS THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER.

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